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## AFRICA

**Italy in North Africa.** An Account of the Tripoli Enterprise. By W. K. McClure. xi and 328 pp. Maps, ills., index. J. C. Winston Com., Philadelphia, 1913. \$2.50. 9 x 6.

A description of the occupation by Italy of Tripoli, and its outlying littoral and hinterland, written by an Englishman and based upon personal investigation on the spot, and upon the inspection of the official military reports treating of the operations of the Italian army. Three topographical sketch-maps of the Italian engineers give a good idea of the region occupied and conquered by Italy. The view adopted is wholly favorable to Italian diplomacy, and military and naval operations. The account of the work done by the Italian air-craft is particularly worthy of note. The absence of a detailed account of the writer's personal experience is as unusual as it is commendable. The relations of Italy to the other great European powers are described and Britons are advised that continual hostile criticism will destroy Italian good-feeling towards England in the future. It is a commendable example of historical writing.

DAVID H. BUEL.

**Administration in Tropical Africa.** By Capt. C. H. Stigand. viii and 302 pp. Index. Constable & Co., London, 1914. 10s. 6d. 9 x 6.

One of the most suggestive and helpful books yet written in relation to the task of bringing the benefits of good government and civilization to the barbarous tribes of tropical Africa. It is a practical work written by a British official who up to this time has been best known by his books on hunting and game in Africa. As a servant of the British Administration, however, he dealt with very different matters; and he, as well as many others in the same line of service, had to work out his own problems with regard, first, to establishing law and order in his district and then to its material development.

So he tells of the local conditions that affect Tropical Africa, a most illuminating chapter; of the selection of a station site, the available materials for building, the development of agriculture, its products, transportation, native labor, industries, natural products, forestry, administrative work, armed forces, etc.; and he discusses many other topics that have to do with the upbuilding of the great areas which the European powers now possess in barbarous Africa. This is one of the first books written on practical methods of development—methods evolved by actual experience. All who are seriously interested in Tropical Africa should read this book.

**With the Tin Gods.** [A Woman's Adventures in Northern Nigeria]. By Mrs. Horace Tremlett. x and 308 pp. Ills. John Lane Co., New York, 1915. \$3.50. 9 x 6.

A book worth reading, not because the author knew anything of Africa before her husband took her there, but for the reason that she has keen perceptions and literary gift. Anyone competent to judge will say that she gives vivid and true impressions of what she saw. Her journey was from Lagos to the Niger and into Nigeria as far as the Bauchi Highlands, the tin field that the British are developing. Mrs. Tremlett sketches the life of whites and blacks, describes the effects of their environment upon them, sharply differentiates between the Hausa, the Fula and the common black tribes and all her pen pictures abound with humor and discernment.

## ASIA

**The Holy Land of the Hindus.** With seven letters on religious problems. By the Rev. Robert L. Lacey. 246 pp. Map, ills. R. Scott, London, 1913. 3s. 6d. 8 x 5½.

A reprint in book form of a series of articles previously published in missionary periodicals, showing Baptist Christianity face to face with Hinduism and Buddhism. The "Holy Land" is washed by the waters of the Bay